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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In the Application of) Confirmation No.: 9828
Ricardo Alexander Gomez)
Title: METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR) Art Unit: 3739
PROTECTING THE DISTAL LENS OF)
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RESPONSE TO FINAL OFFICE ACTION
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In response to the Final Office Action dated April 4, 2006, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

Claim Amendments begin on page 2.

Amendments to the drawings begin on page 5.

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